

Arizona Sentinel.

C. L. MINOR, Editor & Proprietor.

Saturday, August 3, 1872.

Mayor Finlay kindly handed us for publication a correspondence had between the Hon. R. C. McCormick, and the General Land Office, relation to the issue of a patent to the town authorities, for the town site of Arizona City which we give in full.

WASHINGTON D. C. June 22 1872.

Sir:—

After the personal examination made in your office yesterday of the intricate and perplexing questions connected with the granting of a patent for the town site at Arizona City, I desire to have from you an official statement of the same which I may submit for the consideration of the people of that place and as evidence why the patent has not been issued and may yet be delayed.

Very Respectfully,

R. C. MCCORMICK,

Delegate from Arizona.

HON. WILLIS DRUMMOND,

Com. of the Gen. Land Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. July 8th 1872.

Hon. R. C. McCormick,

House of Representatives.

Sir:—

I am in receipt of a communication from you dated 22d ult., asking a statement of the reasons for withholding the patent for the townsite of Arizona City in order that you might lay the same before the city authorities of said city.

In reply I have to make the following statement of the status of a portion of the land intended to be included in the said city and enclosed within the out-boundaries of the survey as returned to this office.

Under the Treaty dated Guadalupe Hidalgo, Feb. 2 1848 between the United States and Mexico, the United States obtained a small strip of land south of the Colorado river between the boundary as established by said treaty, and said river.

The lines of the public surveys were extended South across the Colorado river from the San Bernardino Meridian California and closed upon the boundary line of 1848 and the plat of surveys are represented as Tp. 16 S. Rgs. 21422 E. San Ber. Mer. (Cal.) the surveys having been paid from the California appropriation and approved February 6, 1867. On the dated City of Mexico December 30 1853, known as the Gadsden purchase, a portion of which constituted the Territory of New Mexico and subsequently Arizona.

Said strip is about six miles long with an average width of three fourths of a mile; all lying west of the junction of the Gila and Colorado rivers. This boundary line was established shortly after the treaty as the boundary between the United States and Mexico. The land south of this line was acquired under treaty, plat of Tp. 16 S. R. 223 San Ber. Mer. Cal. is represented the Military Reservation of Fort Yuma the out boundaries of which are represented in brown on said plat and on the south side of the Colorado includes that portion of the United States lands lying between the Colorado river and the old boundary between the United States and Mexico extending from the junction of the Gila and Colorado rivers about a mile and a quarter west from the same and represented on the plat by a brown line 28 chains and 35 links long from north to south.

No questions having arisen to dispute the supposition that the old boundary between the United States and Mexico was the common boundary to the State of California U. S. and old State of Sonora Mexico, the State of California selected for internal improvements all the land between said boundary and the Colorado two and a half miles west of its junction with the Gila and the south bank of the Colorado for half a mile further the same being designated on the Tract Books of this office as follows; viz:—

Tp. 26 South Range 22 East San Bernardino Meridian California.

Fr. S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 36.

N $\frac{1}{4}$ & Lot Sec. 35.

N $\frac{1}{4}$ 34.

Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 of 27.

Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 of 28.

Lot 8 of 29.

S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 33.

Selected Dec. 6, 1865 by the State of California for Internal Improvements. Act of Sept. 4 1841 List 93 G. L. O. No 94 "A."

Since the original reservation for Military purposes was declared two modifications have been made the first represented on the plat approved Sept. 24 1868 excludes all the former reservation for Fort Yuma south of the Colorado river except 61.66 Acres which extends about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile west of the junction of the Gila & Colorado rivers, the second modification is that made by the order of the President January 22, 1867 and was surveyed by Lieut. George M. Wheeler and approved by him December 28 1869. Should the original reservation, however, be proved to have been disposed of without a special Act of Congress (per Act June 12 1866 Stats. at Large Vol. 11, page 336.)

A question has recently arisen also to the jurisdiction of the State of California over the land south of the Colorado river.

The State of California was admitted into the Union in accordance with her constitution as formed by her own legislators. (Act Sept. 9 1850. Stats. at Large Vol. 3, page 452.) The constitution in Article 12 (State of California) defines her boundary at this point as follows: "to the river Colorado, at a point where it intersects the 35th degree of north latitude; thence down the middle of the channel of said river, to

"the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, as established by the treaty of May 30th 1848."

No steps can be taken looking toward the issuing to the patent to the town-site until the questions shall have been decided relative to the jurisdiction of that part of said town-site lying north of the old boundary between the United States and Mexico; the validity of the State Selections and the authority by which the original limits of the Fort Yuma Military reservation were declared.

The town-site of Arizona City may, however, be patented to the city authorities with the exception of that part lying south of the Colorado river and north of the old boundary line after the following provisions have been complied with. viz:—

The survey must be so amended as to exclude the above named track of land. The old boundary must be re-established and the lines of the town-site connected with the old boundary and the lines of the public survey.

The non-mineral character of the land must be shown by sworn testimony.

The character and value of improvements must be set forth and The number of inhabitants within the limits of the city must be shown.

For your information I transmit, herewith, three diagrams.

First Showing the lines of public survey closed upon the old Mexican boundary with the state selection colored green and the western boundary of the Fort Yuma Military reservation colored brown.

Second The reservation of Fort Yuma south of the Colorado river (colored brown) as represented on plat approved September 24 1868.

Third The reservations of Fort Yuma south of the Colorado river (colored brown) as surveyed and protracted by Lieut. Geo. M. Wheeler under President's order dated January 22 1867.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. servant,
Willis Drummond,
Commissioner.

CARE OF HORSES AT NIGHT.— Few men who handle horses give proper attention to the feet and legs. Especially is this the case on farms. Much time is spent in the morning in rubbing, brushing and smoothing the hair on the sides and hips, but at no time are the feet examined and properly cared for. Now, be it known, that the feet of a horse require more care than the body. They need ten times as much, for in one respect they are the entire horse. All the grooming that can be done won't avail anything if the horse is forced to stand where his feet will be filthy. In this case the feet will become disordered, and then the legs will get badly out of fix; and with bad feet and bad legs, there is not much else of the horse fit for anything. Stable prisons are generally severe on the feet and legs of horses; and unless these buildings can afford a dry room, where a horse can walk around, lie down, or roll over, they are not half so healthy and comfortable to the horse as the pasture, vup should be avoided by all good farmers in the country. [—North British Review.

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A. J. FINLAY,
je 29 6w Agent C. S. N. Co.

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